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Summer storms a-brewin'?

Weather. Saskatchewan sees similar conditions to 2012 early in season

MORGAN MODJESKI
Metro in Saskatoon

Saskatchewan could be in for another stormy summer as 2013 is seeing a lot of the same conditions that contributed to a hectic storm season last year.

Saskatchewan's own tornado hunter, Greg Johnson, explained that while it's always hard to predict severe weather so far in advance, there are some consistencies between this year and last that indicate the province could be in for a stormy season.

"I'm sure that we're going to see some tornadoes, and severe summer thunderstorms are nothing new to the Prairies — those happen every year — but certain conditions need to be in place to make those summer storms tornadic," said Johnson.

"It looks to me at this point we have a lot of similarities between this (pre-)summer so far … and what we had last year."

"If that continues, given the fact that we had lots of tornadoes last year, I'd say we're going to have an above-average number of tornadoes this year; however, that's kind of looking into a crystal ball."

Johnson explained some of the similarities include high amounts of moisture in the ground, a humid surface layer of atmosphere and strong jet-stream support, all of which are needed for severe weather.

John Paul Cragg, a warning preparedness meteorologist with Environment Canada, said a number of factors, like moisture, varying atmospheric temperatures, consistent low-pressure systems and wind shear, are needed to produce severe weather and because there are so many variables, it's difficult to predict.

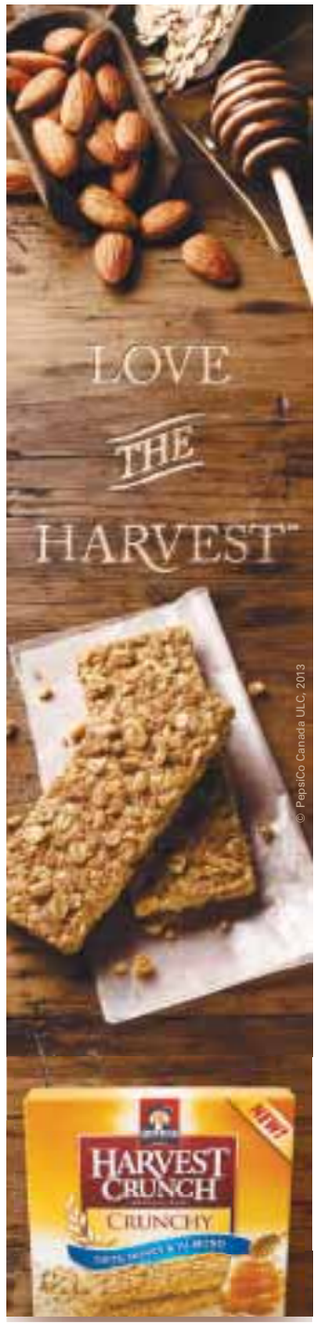
"You need all four of these elements to come together, which makes it very hard to predict what a season is going to be like," said Cragg.

"You can have a fairly accurate prediction about — and even that's debatable — what the next three months will be in terms of precipitation and temperature, but will we be in a pattern where low pressure systems are passing over us — that's a tough one."

Already had one

Saskatchewan has already seen at least one tornado, as the Weather Network recently posted video of a tornado touching down near Maple Creek on June 2 to YouTube.

A massive supercell thunderstorm can be seen rolling through Saskatchewan last July 22, during the 2012 summer of storms. Greg Johnson, Saskatchewan's own storm chaser, said the 2013 storm season has a number of similarities when compared to last year's severe summer weather. CONTRIBUTED/GREG JOHNNSON



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Riot fall to rival Valkyries in Prairie showdown

Déjà vu. Third-quarter surge too little too late as Regina falls 55-27, going a third year without a Prairie title

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The Saskatoon Valkyries are heading to the WWCFL finals after eliminating their provincial rivals, the Regina Riot, on Sunday afternoon, taking the Prairie Conference championship title.

The Valkyries dominated the first half of the game, shutting down the Riot and scoring 41 points.

"We just weren't ready at the start and that kind of killed us. They got a jump on us and it's tough to come back," said Riot head coach Darren Fisher.

The team did come back after halftime, scoring 20 points in the third quarter and another seven in the fourth.

"We kind of rolled the first half, and they scared the heck out of us in the third quarter but we pulled it back together in the fourth," said Valkyries head coach Jeff Yausie.

The 55-27 final score ends the season for the Riot, who have now missed out on the title for the past three years.

"We showed good heart and I was very happy with the girls — they played their hearts out in the third and fourth quarters," said Fisher.

With the big win under their belt, the Valkyries will play the Western Conference champions, the Lethbridge Steel, next Saturday at Mosaic Stadium for the WWCFL title.

The Valkyries have held that title for the last two years, beating out the Edmonton Storm in 2011 and the Steel in 2012.

"For us it's really big to win our rivalry with Regina," said Yausie. "But now we have to prepare as much as we can in the week for Lethbridge."

Falling behind

"We just weren't ready at the start and that kind of killed us. They got a jump on us and it's tough to come back."

Regina Riot head coach Darren Fisher, on missing out on the Prairie Conference title for the third year in a row.

The Regina Riot's Shelby Moran tackles running back Julie David during the Riot-Valkyries showdown on Sunday at Mosaic Stadium. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Participants in the 2012 Windscape Kite Festival. CONTRIBUTED/GREG HUSZAR

Sask. kite festival taking flight soon

Kite enthusiasts from across North America and the world will soon be descending upon Saskatchewan for the ninth annual SaskPower Windscape Kite Festival in Swift Current.

Shann Gowan, cultural festival co-ordinator with Windscape, said they're expecting roughly 10,000 people to attend this year's event.

She explained that with roughly 50 per cent of the audience coming from Swift Current and the rest coming from different parts of Saskatchewan and North America, the event is the perfect time to put the province on display.

"This is a unique festival," said Gowan. "Kite festivals are big in Asia and Europe, but it's not as big in North America so this is a unique opportunity for us to celebrate the things that make Saskatchewan special down in the southwest corner.

"We've got big blue skies," she continued, "rolling plains and lots and lots of wind, so it's a nice way to celebrate that and show it off to the world."

Gowan explained the festival will feature a ton of unique kites ranging from massive pieces of flying art to the tight flying manoeuvres of stunt and sport kites.

Despite the fact that the festival was off to a slow start nine years ago, it's definitely taken off in recent years.

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When's it happening?

The festival runs June 22 and 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting.

Second-degree murder

Younger brother of man who killed father charged in death of mother

A relative says an 18-year-old Regina man has been charged with killing his own mother just months after his brother was convicted of killing their father.

The body of 46-year-old Rachel Shepherd of Regina was found last weekend in a downtown apartment. Investigators ruled the death a homicide after an autopsy.

James Dustin Woody Myers appeared in court on Friday and was charged with second-degree murder.

Outside court, the young man's cousin Bernadine Maxie confirmed they were mother and son.

She also said that Myers' brother, Kelvin Lyle Myers, killed their father more than a year ago.

The body of Kelvin Kim Myers, 48, was found in March 2012 inside a home on the Whitebear First Nation.

Kelvin Lyle Myers pleaded guilty in February to manslaughter and was sentenced to more than seven years in prison.

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Provincewide

Eight charged after child-porn sting

Eight men are facing charges after a provincewide online child-pornography investigation.

The investigation was launched by Saskatchewan's Internet child exploitation unit and the Canadian Police Centre for Missing and Exploited Children.

Police say they searched locations in Estevan, Rosetown, Regina, Saskatoon, Arcola and Air Ronge between March 26 and June 6.

They say they seized computers and other media devices and are doing a forensic analysis on the equipment.

The men, ranging in age from 24 to 56, are all charged with possession of child pornography. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The first Mayor's Run

Approximately 500 people took to the streets of Regina on Sunday morning for the first annual Mayor's Run/Walk for Fitness, formerly the I Love Regina Run. All the proceeds from the event, which sees participants take on 3k, 5k or 10k treks, go to help fund accessible playground equipment in the Queen City.

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1 Run and done. Welcome sight at journey's end

Friends and family greet runners crossing the finish line in City Square Plaza.

2 Small strides. All ages turn out for event

Ava Gibson, 4, ran the race with her mother and her older sister, Kieran.

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3 Tired but triumphant. Spirit of camaraderie trumps competition

Two participants high-five as they cross the finish line.

4 Sound of 1,000 feet. First run for fitness sees healthy turnout

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Verizon story source outed at his own request

The Guardian. Ex-CIA employee Edward Snowden said his motive was to 'inform the public'; NSA seeks criminal investigation

A former CIA employee and National Security Agency contractor is the source of The Guardian's disclosures about the U.S. government's secret surveillance programs, the British newspaper reported Sunday.

The leaks have reopened a debate about privacy concerns versus heightened measures to protect against terrorist attacks, and led America's NSA to ask for a criminal investigation.

The Guardian said it was publishing the identity of Edward Snowden, 29, a former technical assistant for the CIA and current employee of defence contractor Booz Allen Hamilton, at his own request.

"My sole motive is to inform the public as to that which is done in their name and that which is done against them," said Snowden.

The NSA has been collecting the phone records of hundreds of millions of Americans. U.S. President Barack Obama has said the programs have been authorized by Congress and are subject to supervision. "What I can say is that in evaluating these programs, they make a difference in our capacity to anticipate and prevent possible terrorist activity."

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His background

Edward Snowden said that he lacked a high school diploma and enlisted in the U.S. Army.

- After leaving the army, he got his foot in the door with the NSA working at a covert facility.
- He then worked for the CIA in information technology. By 2007, he was stationed in Geneva.

Journalism. U.S. state snooping story prompts debate on source protection

A scandal over state snooping on journalists in the United States is prompting media-watchers to consider new techniques to protect sources.

Anonymity of sources is considered sacrosanct among journalists and essential to their safety, reputation, and ability to act as public whistle-blowers.

But journalists are lagging behind when it comes to protecting sources in the digital era, critics say.

"There is a general lack of awareness (among journalists) about what ubiquitous surveillance looks like," said Jonathan Stray, who teaches at Columbia University. Everything from the websites you visit, the calls you make, and even your phone location are logged somewhere, Stray said. The same applies to reporters. Whistle-blowers are at particular risk. A week ago, The New Yorker unveiled Strongbox — a secure way for people to leak information to them.

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The Globe's editor, John Stackhouse, defended the paper's use of anonymous sources for a story on Toronto Mayor Rob Ford's family. THEGLOBEANDMAIL.COM

Canadian military

Defence survey to shed light on silent crime

Results of an anonymous survey to be released in the fall by National Defence will shed more light on the extent of military sexual assault, including what has been called the silent crime of male-on-male rape.

Almost 68,000 troops, 86 per cent of them men, were asked last year to voluntarily complete the Canadian Forces Workplace Harassment Survey. It asks their gender, years of service and rank, along with 100 questions ranging from personal harassment to whether they've been raped. It's the first such survey since 1998. Results could provide valuable insight into the extent of sexual violence in the Canadian military — an issue that former soldiers and others say is rarely reported. The extent to which men are sexually assaulted by other men is even more cloaked in silence, they say.

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South Africa prays for 'father of nation'

Nelson Mandela.
Anti-apartheid leader battles grave infection; in serious condition

Former South African president Nelson Mandela's granddaughter Ndileka Mandela, left, and daughter Makaziwe Mandela leave the Mediclinic Herat Hospital in Pretoria on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Nelson Mandela received visits from family members on Sunday at a hospital where the former president and anti-apartheid leader was being treated for a recurring lung infection, while South Africans expressed their appreciation for a man widely regarded as the father of the nation.

There was no official update on 94-year-old Mandela after his second night in the hospital. His condition was described as "serious but stable" on Saturday.

The office of President Jacob Zuma had said that Mandela was taken to a Pretoria hospital after his condition deteriorated at around 1:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The anti-apartheid leader has now been taken to a hospital four times since December, with the last discharge coming on April 6 after doctors diagnosed him with pneumonia and drained fluid from his lung area.

Mandela was freed in 1990 after 27 years as a prisoner of white racist rule and won election to the presidency in all-race elections in 1994. He retired from public life years ago and had received medical care at his Johannesburg home until his latest transfer to a hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alleged abuse

Ex-residents of orphanage seek class action

Former residents of a Halifax orphanage who claim they suffered years of abuse and neglect at the hands of their caregivers will take their case against the Nova Scotia government to court Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

First Nations

Consensus beats confrontation, says Valcourt

Bernard Valcourt, federal minister of aboriginal affairs, says he understands why First Nations youth are rebelling, but says he senses more consensus with federal policies than confrontation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal

Kosher eateries targeted in firebombings

A kosher restaurant in Montreal has been the target of a firebombing for the second time in three nights. No one was injured. A nearby residence was targeted a night earlier. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada celebrates decade of same-sex marriage

Ten years ago, their unprecedented wedding stood for hope, equality and inclusion.

A decade later, Michael Leshner and Michael Stark — Canada's first legally married same-sex couple — believe the battle to have their union recognized by the courts has made it easier for today's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Canadians to feel accepted.

"Once you have marriage you have full equality. That was won that day," said Leshner.

The pair's quick civil ceremony in Toronto came just hours after Ontario's Court of Appeal pronounced the Canadian law on traditional marriage unconstitutional on June 10, 2003.

While Ontario was the first to legally recognize same-sex marriage, many other provinces followed soon after. Two years later, the federal government legalized same-sex marriage countrywide with the gender-neutral Civil Marriage Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Michael Stark, left, and Michael Leshner. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Cambodian politics heat up as July elections approach

Phnom Penh. Large demonstration Sunday said to have been 'staged' by supporters of the prime minister

Cambodia's main opposition party denounced a large demonstration held Sunday against one of their leaders in the capital, a rally they say was staged by supporters of Prime Minister Hun Sen to intimidate rivals ahead of July elections.

More than 10,000 protesters gathered in Phnom Penh to lash out against opposition chief Kem Sokha for allegedly saying that exhibits at a Khmer Rouge-era genocide museum in Phnom Penh were faked. Sokha has denied the allegations, and his party says the campaign against him is politically motivated.

On Friday, the Southeast Asian nation's legislature approved a bill making it a crime to deny atrocities were committed by the country's genocidal 1970s Khmer Rouge regime. Critics worry the law will be used as a weapon against Hun Sen's political opponents.

The bill was passed unanimously in the absence of opposition lawmakers, who were expelled from the legislature this week, ostensibly on grounds they had left their old parties to join a new, merged party to contest the July 28 vote.

The ruling party of Hun Sen, who has been in power since 1985, holds 90 seats in the assembly and is expected to win an overwhelming share of the 123 seats at stake. Sokha is deputy president of the Cambodia National Rescue Party, whose leader Sam Rainsy lives in self-exile to avoid jail on what are widely seen as politically motivated charges. Pro-government media had recently publicized comments allegedly made by Sokha that exhibits at Phnom Penh's famous Tuol Sleng genocide museum, a prison-turned-torture centre, were faked.

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Chum Mey, right, a former S-21 prison survivor, sits in a pickup truck before a rally. HENG SINITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Complex politics

Rally orchestrated, says party

Yim Sovann, a spokesman for Kem Sokha's party, said the rally Sunday was "orchestrated" by ruling party supporters.

The protest was led by Chum Mey, a survivor from Tuol Sleng prison who is now president of the Victims Association of Democratic Kampuchea. But the victims group said Saturday they had nothing to do with the protest. Mey's participation ran counter to the association's political neutrality, they said.

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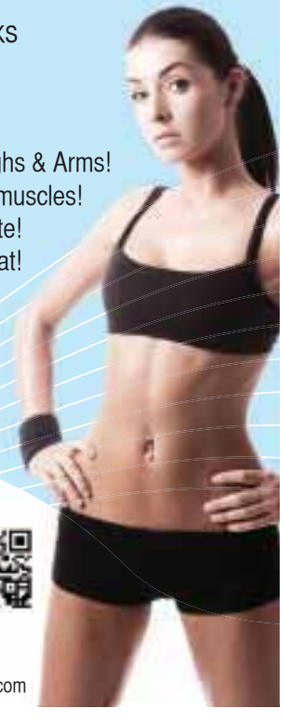

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Paralympics

Jordanian Paralympians claim unfair treatment

Two Jordanian Paralympians who were cleared of sexual harassment by a court in Northern Ireland two weeks ago said in their first public comment Sunday that they were unfairly pulled out of the Paralympics.

The May 28 ruling cleared athletes Motaz Al-Junadi, 46, and Faisal Hammash, 36, who were sent home after accusations of sex offences surfaced during a training camp in Northern Ireland in 2012 ahead of the London Paralympic Games.

The Northern Ireland court ruled not to prosecute the athletes and withdrew all charges due to a lack of evidence. In Amman, the athletes said they sensed "conspiracy and betrayal.... We are innocent. We went to represent Jordan in London Paralympics, but there are some people who did not want us to succeed."

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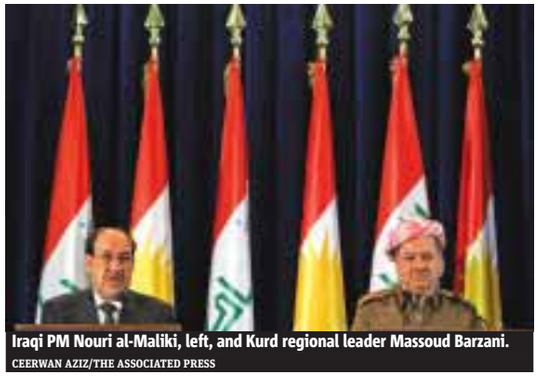
Iraq. Country's prime minister makes rare visit to the Kurdish region

Iraq's prime minister on Sunday made a visit to the country's self-ruled northern Kurdish region in a bid to melt the ice between the Kurds and the Shiite-led central government, as a suicide attack in Baghdad claimed the lives of seven people.

The visit came as authorities said a border guard was killed and two others were wounded in clashes along the Syrian frontier, the latest sign that the Syrian civil war risks spilling over into Iraq.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's decision to hold a cabinet meeting in Irbil — the first in the Kurdish regional capital since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein — was part of an initiative started last year to better understand provincial-level needs. Similar meetings have been held in other Iraqi cities.

Kurdish regional President Massoud Barzani leads the Kurds' largely autonomous and increasingly prosperous northern region, which has multiple government ministries and its own security forces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Iraqi PM Nouri al-Maliki, left, and Kurd regional leader Massoud Barzani. CEERWAN AZIZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkish demonstrators burn flares this weekend during a protest on Gundogdu Square in Izmir. Turkey's prime minister launched a verbal attack Sunday on the protesters. OZAN KOSEOZAN KOSE/AFP-GETTY IMAGES

Turkish PM's taunts bring more protesters to streets

After the speech. Tens of thousands pack into Taksim Square; thousands more flood Ankara's central square

In a series of increasingly belligerent speeches to cheering supporters Sunday, Turkey's prime minister launched a verbal attack on the tens of thousands of anti-government protesters who flooded the streets for a 10th day, accusing them of creating an environment of terror.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan made the most inflammatory of his speeches as he arrived in the capital, Ankara. Erdogan belittled the protesters, again calling them "capulcu," the Turkish word for looters or vandals. He made his speech in Ankara on an open-top bus, which then drove into the city in a motorcade.

Anti-government protesters have turned Erdogan's label of them as "capulcu" into mocking slogans, printing stickers with the word, scrawling it on their tents and uploading music videos onto social-network sites.

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China. Nobel laureate's wife calls brother's jailing vendetta against family

A court sentenced the brother-in-law of China's imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo to 11 years in prison Sunday — an unusually harsh punishment for a business dispute that Xiaobo's wife immediately decried as a vendetta against the whole family.

The court in suburban Beijing found Liu Hui guilty of fraud in a real-estate dispute and issued the sentence after a brief hearing.

Liu Xia, the defendant's sister and the Nobel laureate's wife who is herself under house arrest but who was allowed to attend the trial, wept as she briefly stood and spoke to reporters outside a car that was bringing her home from the hearing.

Family members and their supporters have said the prosecution of Liu Hui is meant as further punishment of the Nobel laureate's family and is intended to intimidate other political activists.

Lawyers for the brother said he and another business partner were accused of pocketing three million yuan (about $500,000) that was claimed by another party to the transaction. According to the lawyers, the money has since been returned, and police after first investigating the case last fall dropped it and then revived the charges early this year.

Liu Xia, wife of imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo. ALEXANDER F. YUAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Accused terrorist

Harkat can have cellphone: Feds

The federal government says it will allow an Ottawa man accused of terrorist ties to have a cellphone, but balks at giving Mohamed Harkat access to the Internet or removing his electronic tracking bracelet.

The government says it is also open to dropping a requirement that Harkat, 44, get prior approval before travelling out of town. The concessions fall short of the full list of freedoms Harkat will seek Tuesday during a one-day Federal Court hearing.

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Quoted

"I feel dehumanized and degraded on a daily basis."

Mohamed Harkat, an Ottawa man arrested on suspicion of being an al-Qaida sleeper agent.

App helps fight Venezuela's food shortages

Crowdsourcing. Users can let one another know where to find basics such as flour, milk, cooking oil

A mobile application called Abasteceme, or Supply Me, has taken off in food shortage-plagued Venezuela. It relies on users to notify one another about where certain sought-after items can be purchased. ABASTECEME.COM

Harried Venezuelans who devote hours scouring supermarkets for increasingly scarce food basics and toilet paper have just received some digital help thanks to a young software developer.

A free mobile application written by Jose Augusto Montiel lets people notify one another where flour, sugar, milk, cooking oil and toilet paper are for sale. It has been downloaded more than 12,000 times.

Abasteceme, or Supply Me, is Android-based and relies on Google Maps for geolocation. It leverages what is known as crowdsourcing with users notifying one another where a certain product is for sale.

Basic items such as wheat flour and butter have gone missing on store shelves throughout Venezuela. Economists blame government-imposed price control, while President Nicolas Maduro says greedy merchants are hoarding goods.

"From what I've seen so far it's mostly toilet paper, followed by flour," Montiel said about what gets posted most.

The 21-year-old chemical engineering student in the western city of Maracaibo said most of Abasteceme's users were in Caracas when he first made the app available on the Google Play website on May 29. "But now it has spread all over the country," he said.

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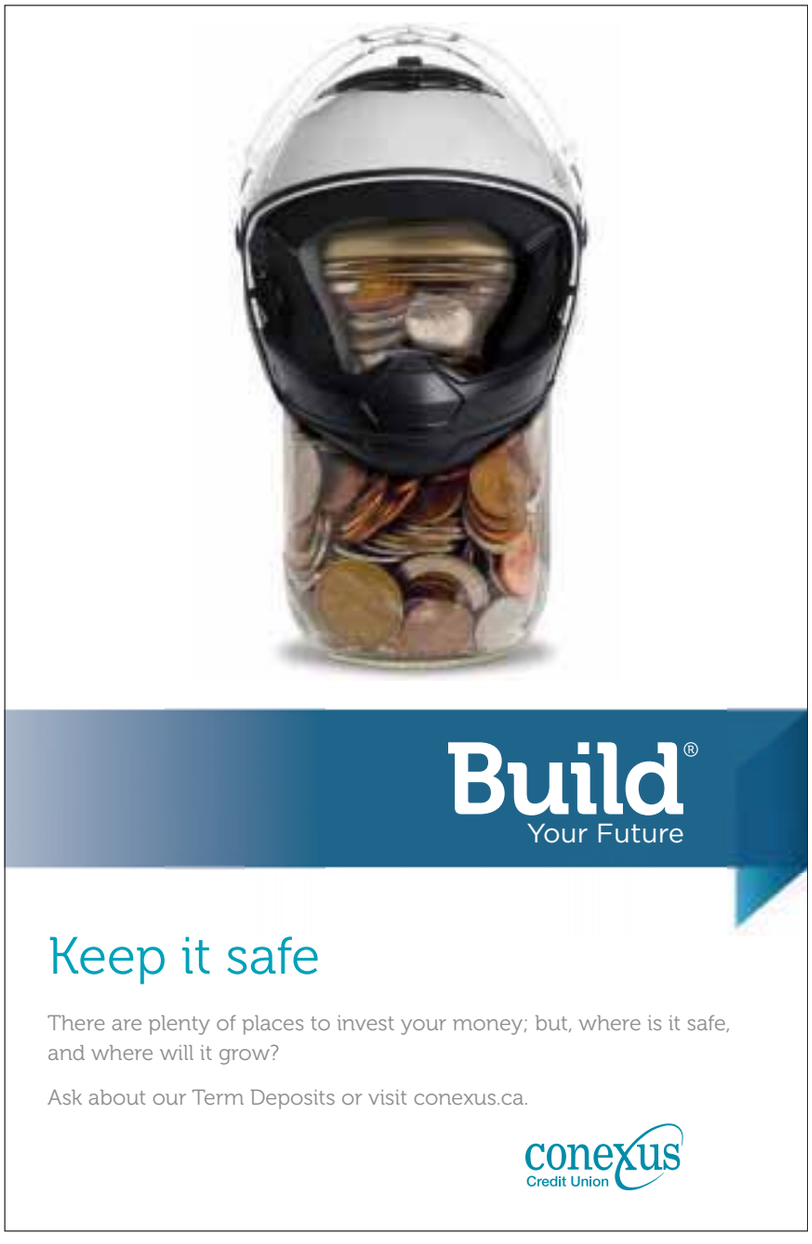
Lean operation

- Developer Jose Augusto Montiel, a 21-year-old chemical engineering student, said he has no help beyond a sister who assists with the program's esthetics.
- "I'm also working to develop it for the BlackBerry as a lot of people have them in Venezuela," he said. He wants to work on an iPhone version but can't afford a Mac to do that. He said he's earning just enough to cover costs.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Flexible firms let workers buy and sell vacation time

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Some U.S. companies are allowing their workers to buy and sell vacation time, a perk that gives workers more flexibility in managing their time off.

The novel approach might help employees buy some extra days off to take the trip of a lifetime or spend more time with a newborn. Co-workers could sell off unused days to get some extra money.

"When times are a little tight, this benefit really doesn't cost a lot of extra money to employers to provide," said Julie Stich, research director for the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans. "It's offered by more forward-thinking or flexible-type employers."

A soon-to-be released survey by the Society for Human Resource Management found that nine per cent of employers allowed workers to cash out unused vacation time. Five per cent let employees purchase additional vacation days through a payroll deduction.

Nora Kouba, an employee at USG Corp., sits at her work station in Chicago on June 3. Over the years, Kouba has made use of a benefit offered by USG that allows workers to buy and sell vacation time, a perk that gives employees more flexibility in managing their time off. M. SPENCER GREEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I loved having the extra week when I needed it, and now I like having the extra money."

Nora Kouba, an employee at construction-materials giant USG Corp.

An additional seven per cent allowed employees to donate vacation time to a general pool that can be used by other workers.

Nora Kouba, who manages company cars at construction-materials giant USG Corp. in Chicago, said she used to buy an extra week off to care for her kids or take long summer vacations with the family. But these days, she tends to sell her excess vacation time.

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Mashantucket, Conn.

Casino waitresses resist toeing the line on high heels

Cheryl Haase has been serving cocktails for more than two decades, and the 52-year-old waitress says she has a list of foot ailments to prove it.

The miles she has walked carrying trays of drinks through the Foxwoods Resort Casino in high heels have sent her over the years to chiropractors and podiatrists for injections to treat inflammation.

Now she and a union representing her fellow cocktail waitresses at the U.S.'s largest casino are fighting for the servers to wear shoes of their own choosing. Many have worked at the casino since it opened in 1992, and some see proposed new requirements as a bid to push them out and make way for younger workers.

"Most of us girls have been here for 20 years, 15 years. This job has really done a number on our feet and they know it," Haase said.

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iRadio music service, iOS update expected at Apple conference

San Francisco. New look for iPhones, iPads could be most radical design change to mobile software since 2007

Apple is expected to reveal a digital radio service and changes to the software behind iPhones and iPads on Monday as the company opens its annual conference for software developers.

Apple hasn't said what it will unveil at the Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco. But the major announcements are expected during Monday's keynote presentation. Last year, Apple used the conference to announce its own mapping service, better integration with social networks and improvements to virtual assistant Siri. It also announced thinner MacBooks with high-resolution screens. The conference runs through Friday.

This year, Apple is expected to show off a simplified look on iPhones and iPads. If the speculation is correct, it would be the most radical design change since the iPhone made its debut in 2007, showing consumers that phones could do much more than make calls and exchange messages.

This week's event comes at an important time for Apple. The company's stock price has fallen amid concerns that another breakthrough product isn't imminent. Although CEO Tim Cook has said people shouldn't expect new products until the fall, Apple is likely to preview how future products will function in its unveiling of new services and features.

Monday's highlight is expected to be an updated version of iOS, the software that runs iPhones, iPads and iPod Touches. It will be called iOS 7 and will come with new devices expected to go on sale this fall. Owners of recent models such as last fall's iPhone 5 will likely be eligible for free upgrades.

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iRadio

- Observers think Apple will debut a music-streaming service dubbed iRadio, and that it will be most similar to Pandora, an advertising-supported service that plays songs at random within certain genres for free.
- However, the Apple service is expected to feature a seamless way for listeners to purchase songs through iTunes.

Skirting the issue

Swedish train driver Martin Akersten poses wearing a skirt in Stockholm on May 31. Akersten says he and more than a dozen other drivers and conductors in the Swedish capital have started wearing skirts in the summer as a protest against train company Arriva's uniform policy, which doesn't allow shorts. An Arriva spokesman says the company wants its staff to look "nice and proper," but can't stop men from wearing "women's clothes" if that's what they want because it would be discrimination. KIM JENSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Livestock

Federal agency stops investigating deadly anthrax

Canada's food regulator is no longer getting involved in cases of anthrax, a disease that can kill cattle, bison, other grazing animals and, in rare cases, people.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency says it will no longer investigate and quarantine anthrax-infected farms, collect samples for testing, vaccinate livestock or oversee and help pay for the cost of disposing animals that die of the disease.

New rules that went into effect this spring say livestock producers, with the help of private veterinarians, are expected to take responsibility for preventing and dealing with anthrax.

Anthrax is caused by naturally occurring bacteria in spores in soil. The spores can become active during hot weather that follows heavy rains or flooding. Animals that ingest the spores can get sick and die very quickly. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DOESN'T ANYBODY STAY IN ONE PLACE?

URBAN COMPASS

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Home is where the heart is.

At least that's Pamela Wallin's story. And she's sticking to it.

One of five senators for Saskatchewan, Wallin grew up in Wadena, 200 kilometres northeast of Regina, pop. 1,500. She loves Wadena, and Wadena loves her — the main drag is called Pamela Wallin Drive. And there's a sign outside that declares Wadena to be the home of Pamela Wallin.

The durability of this mutual love affair is in doubt, as it turns out Wallin frequently leaves her heart to fend for itself in Wadena while she spends a fair amount of time in Ottawa, where she maintains a residence, and in Toronto's swanky Rosedale, where she also maintains a residence.

Never mind Where's Waldo? Where's Wallin? is more like it.

Wadena is a long, long, long way from Rosedale in oh-so-many-ways.

It's kind of hard to keep a foot in both worlds.

And it gets really complicated when you have to keep a third foot in Ottawa and you only have two.

Then there's the money. Wallin has by various estimates collected about $1 million in corporate director fees since becoming a senator. That's on top of the senator's salary and two years of travel expenses totalling more than $350K to keep all the balls in the air.

If you're wondering how or why a Canadian senator should be able to gather in a million bucks working for a wealth management firm while she's supposed to be working for the people, you're not the only one.

So, Pamela Wallin is about to come crashing to Earth.

She has resigned from the Conservative caucus and the tony wealth management firm as a team of auditors tries to figure out what's going on.

It's instructive that she's not even waiting for the results of the audit — expected sometime this summer — and has already paid back $38,000 to the government.

The rest of the time, we're treated to the spectacle of one of Canada's most famous on-camera faces hiding her face from the camera.

The irony is deep, rich and sad.

I realize that advice is cheap, especially when it comes from a newspaper columnist, but, hey it's free.

If I were Pamela Wallin, I might try living in one place at a time for a while. And if I were Pamela Wallin, I could do worse than Wadena.

My family is still there, I've got my own street and there's a cabin at Fishing Lake where I can hunker down on the weekends.

T.S. Eliot wrote: "And the end of all our exploring/ Will be to arrive where we started/ And know the place for the first time."

If your heart really is still in Wadena, come back and find out why it never wanted to leave, and while you're at it, take the opportunity to get heart, body and soul back in one place.

Again.

At last.

ZOOM

Some bodies stuck

Butt I can't see anything in here

Performers present the Bodies in Urban Spaces project from Austrian artist Willi Dorner, not seen, at the Serralves Museum in Porto, Portugal, Sunday.

Party at Serralves is a contemporary art festival that hosts more than 200 events simultaneously on a non-stop 40-hour period, in the Gardens and in the Serralves Museum of Contemporary Art.

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Non-stop for 40 hours

- The festival is comprised of music, dance, theatre, circus, cinema, exhibitions, photography and workshops that light up the weekend.
- The party starts Saturday at 8 a.m. and goes until Sunday at midnight.

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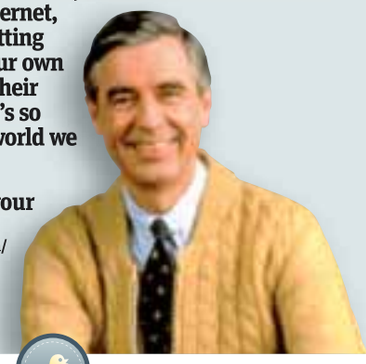
It's a beautiful day at PBS. And on YouTube. And Soundcloud. This time last year, PBS Digital Studios released the first Mr. Rogers auto-tuned remix, bringing close to nine million viewers to their YouTube channel. And they're at it again. On Thursday, the digital branch of the public broadcaster posted the B-side: Mr. Rogers' Sing Together. But, not only did the kind folks at PBS delight the Internet, they're also letting YOU create your own — because in their words, "There's so much in this world we can learn."



How to make your own:

Go to: soundcloud.com/pbsds
Upload your track to: Mister Rogers Remix group
Share: Using #PBSDS

Twitter

@metropicks asked: An adult candy maker created breast milk-flavoured lollipops. What's your initial reaction?

@Mairi_Mackenzie: yuck! why bother? Men are not breast feeding infants.

@TerryToll: What are these perves going to call them... 'Pornopops'?

@DariaTuhtar: Jesus, take the wheel.

@StephMacHorn: adult candy makr creatd breast milk-flavoured lollipops-Artificial or the real deal? Either one, I'm on a low-breastmilk diet.

@FrenchmanCanada: What packaging do they come in?

@CycloneGU: Stop staring at her boob, get a lolli instead.

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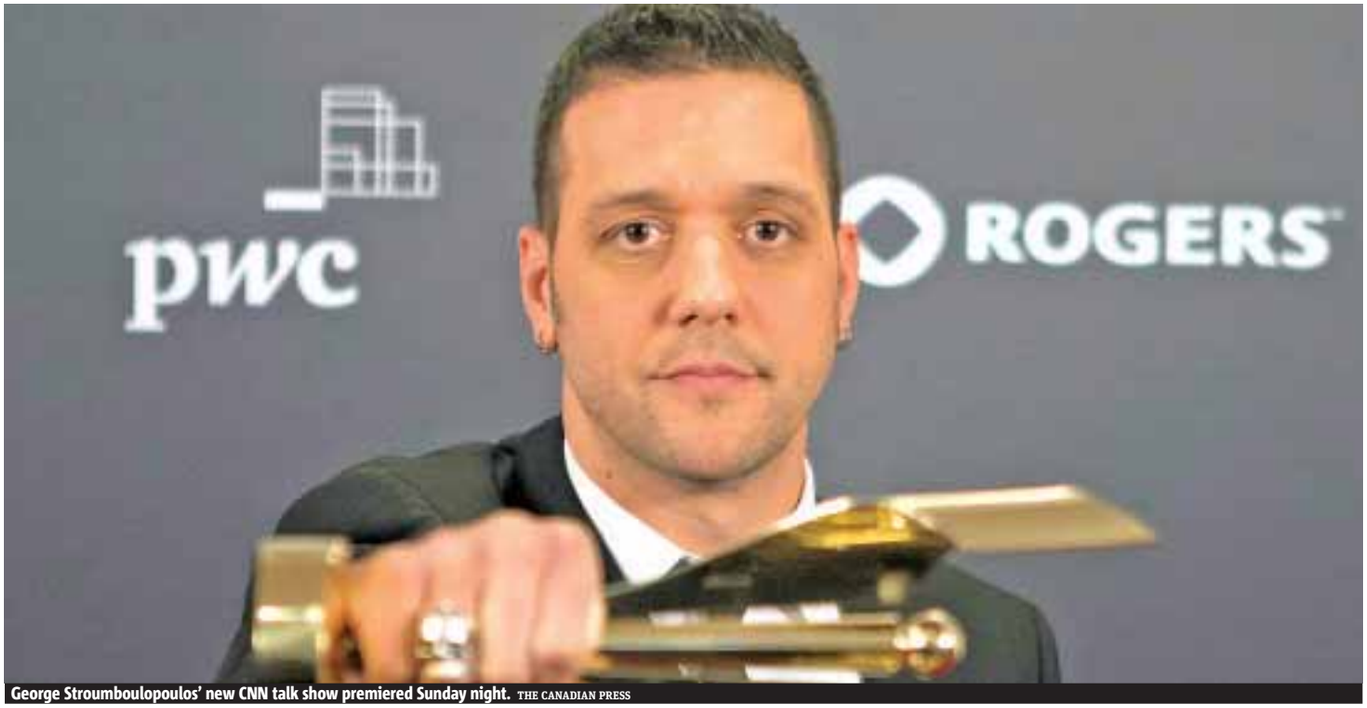

George Stroumboulopoulos' new CNN talk show premiered Sunday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Strombo brings style to CNN

Network sea change. New mandate and management has the purveyor of American news looking to branch out into new territory

It's a safe bet that George Stroumboulopoulos will be the first male CNN personality to wear two earrings and a skull ring from a designer who made one for Keith Richards.

Stroumboulopoulos, whose new nighttime talk show premiered Sunday, is more curious than dangerous, though.

The show gets a solid time slot for its debut, airing after the season finale of Anthony Bourdain's successful Parts Unknown. Then it will settle into a regular spot on Fridays at 11 p.m. Eastern for the summer and, if things go well, maybe beyond.

This is part of CNN's attempt to branch out beyond news programming at certain times, represented most prominently by Bourdain's show. The effort started before the arrival of new network boss Jeff Zucker — Stroumboulopoulos had his first contact with the network last summer before Zucker arrived — but the enthusiasm continued with the change in management.

Stroumboulopoulos already hosts a nightly talk show on the CBC, where his friendly style seems to encourage celebrities to open up.

"I hope that people pick up something new about the person I'm interviewing and find out a way to relate to them," he said. "I want them to find a connection."

For CNN, the show represents an old style for a new generation. Stroumboulopoulos, 40, said his interest in politics was fuelled less by politicians than by listening to the Clash and Public Enemy. He's eager to interview Snoop Lion, the former Snoop Dogg, on his show because he considers him such an important figure in hip-hop.

Rap artist Wiz Khalifa, comic Martin Short and actor Keanu Reeves were the guests on his first show.

Other confirmed interviews for the show's 10-week run include Betty White, Bill Maher, Sharon Stone and filmmaker Werner Herzog.

The show will tape before a studio audience in Los Angeles. Stroumboulopoulos said he's not gunning for the job of CNN's other general interview program, Piers Morgan, and said he likes the way Morgan conducts interviews.

For the moment, he'll fit the CNN show in with a schedule that includes the CBC show (which airs twice in the evening) and a weekly music and talk program he does for a CBS radio station.

"This is what I do," he said. "I don't even have any dependents in my life. I don't even have a plant."

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Archie film in works

Betting on the big screen. The iconic comic characters are poised to get a real-life makeover

Archie's old Riverdale gang is headed to the big screen.

Warner Bros. will produce a live-action film based on the comic's characters, including Archie, Betty, Veronica and Jughead, Archie Comics announced.

It will be the first feature film for the 72-year-old comic.

Directing will be Jason Moore, who helmed the 2012 high school musical comedy Pitch Perfect. Glee writer Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa is penning the script.

In an interview Thursday, Aguirre-Sacasa said the present-day film will be "a quintessential teen movie."

"The idea for this is to capture a very truthful, authentic coming-of-age story with these kids that includes heartache, that includes pain, that will obviously temper the fun and the hijinks," said Aguirre-Sacasa.

"It's going to be a fun — hopefully — summer movie, but we're not shying away from the truth and the awkwardness and the growing pains of being a teenager."

The Archie comics have previously spawned several animated TV series since the 1960s. In 1990, NBC aired the TV film Archie: To Riverdale and Back Again.

"There are parts of the story that I think people will be surprised how dark and real it gets," says Aguirre-Sacasa.

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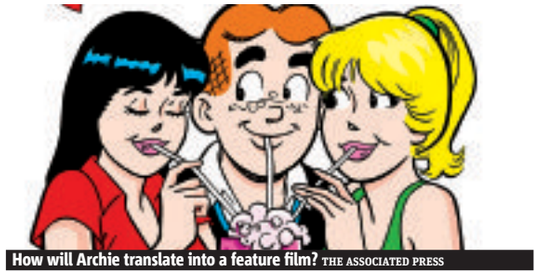

How will Archie translate into a feature film? THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aquirre-Sacasa's weird past with Archie

Aguirre-Sacasa has an interesting history with Archie Comics. One of his first plays, originally titled Archie's Weird Fantasy, was about Archie coming out of the closet. After legal action was threatened, the Atlanta production was changed to Weird Comic Book Fantasy with the characters' names changed. Aguirre-Sacasa is now on better terms with Archie Comics.

Scarlett Johansson. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

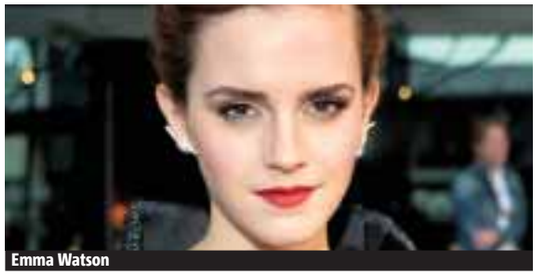
What's in a name? A lot of money, apparently

Scarlett Johansson is suing over the use of her name in The First Thing We Look At, a French novel by Gregoire Delacourt, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

The book features a character first believed to be Johansson until it is later revealed she is a look-alike.

Johansson is seeking compensation and damages for "breach and fraudulent use of personal rights," and she's also seeking a ban on "future transfer of rights and adaptations of the book."

Delacourt, for his part, is "stunned" by the suit and says he chose Johansson for the story because she is the "epitome of beauty today."



Emma Watson

Watson not walking away

Emma Watson says she nearly gave up on show business after finishing up the Harry Potter series.

"I basically took two years out and stepped as far away from it as I could," she tells Total Film. "I mean, the Harry Potter films were still coming out, but I took time to really try and figure out who I was and what I wanted to do. I even considered not being an actress."

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Pop goes the week

George Takei mad at Twitter, everyone mad at Bieber

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George Takei urges his Twitter followers to "stop talking about Amanda Bynes" and instead read up on what's going on in Turkey. What? Lindsay Lohan is in Turkey?

Justin Bieber's neighbours in his gated community are reportedly fed up with his bad behaviour. They plan to have their servants picket his house and throw old gold at his cars.

A distraught Demi Moore is getting advice from an astrologer about her divorce from Ashton Kutcher. The astrologer told her that, seeing as Aries is rising in the Sun of late February, Demi should perhaps get some real help.

Benicio del Toro joins Marvel's Guardians Of The Universe. He will play an alien superhero whose secret power is to be really ugly and yet, undeniably, smoking hot.

Some source says that while Katy Perry and John Mayer are back together, they're "not putting a label on it." But only because they can't agree whether to go with "may contain certain heartbreak" or "expires as soon as someone more famous is available."

Taylor Swift is reportedly building a "special bedroom" for her touring partner Ed Sheeran in her mansion. Which explains the sad whimpers coming from the basement where she's keeping him until the room is finished.

Jada Pinkett Smith says she and Will Smith enjoy stopping at the 7-Eleven for ice cream. But not as much as they enjoy firing idiot assistants who come up with lame-ass quotes to make the Smiths appear like totally ordinary folks.

Russell Brand

Re-Branding his love life

Russell Brand has been spotted out and about in both L.A. and London with Alessandra Balazs, the 23-year-old daughter of hotelier Andre Balazs.

Alessandra has been dropping hints here and there that the pair may be dating, including a recent photo posted to Instagram of a stack of books that included Brand's memoir My Booky Wook. A source tells the Daily Mail that they are in fact quite serious.

"Russell and Alessandra have been quietly dating for months now and have even gone on holidays together," the source says. "They really are so cute together."

Elton John

Elton, don't dress gay. Now here, wear these leather boots and fur hat

Elton John's fashion choices are getting some unwelcome attention in the Russian city of Krasnodar, where he's set to perform a concert next month.

Mikhail Abramyan, of the group Communists of Russia, condemns John's wardrobe as "homosexual propaganda" and wants him to instead perform in the traditional Cassock uniform of a "knee-length caftan, a fur hat and leather boots," according to E! News.

Abramyan and his organization are threatening to protest the show if John doesn't comply.

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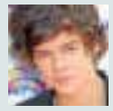

@Harry_Styles
Jet lag took over, I fell asleep on the floor in my clothes. A meter from the bed. So close.

@TomArnold
I swear my only goal in life right now is to learn to feed, burp, change and swaddle with the speed and efficiency of a Nascar pit crew.

@kirstiealley
F you spellcheckers on here..Illusive IS spelled illusive..crikey !! Last time I listen to you vomitus beasts

Let's go ride a bike

Welcoming your kids to the wheel world

YummyMummyClub.ca CEO and avid Cadbury Bicycle Factory supporter Erica Ehm speaks to the unexpected education one can acquire on a bicycle.

What can young ones learn from getting on a bicycle for the first time this summer?
The first bike ride is a real bonding moment between parent and child. It's really their first big opportunity for independence. It's a very special moment. It can be tough for them at first — but it teaches persistence and fitness. It's a very important message to instill in your kids, that it's important to go out and play. METRO

In Africa, bicycles have a profound impact on students' lives. A bike can cut travel time to school by up to four hours a day.

- The Cadbury Bicycle Factory is an initiative that has built more than 18,000 bicycles to help students in Africa get to school every day.
- By playing a free online game, kids can prompt Cadbury to continue to donate the individual parts that will make up a full bicycle for a student in need.
- Visit **thebicyclefactory.ca** to participate

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How do you come up with so many ways to procrastinate bedtime? Follow along with the comedic (mis)adventures of mommyhood online at metronews.ca/voices

Want to be healthier? Juggle a family and a full-time job

New study. Our expert weighs in on a report claiming moms who work outside the home enjoy better mental and physical health

IT'S ALL RELATIVE
Kathy Buckworth, kathybuckworth.com

Women who have kids and work full time have been found to have better mental and physical health by 40. ISTOCK

A recent survey found women who worked full time outside the home after having children had better mental and physical health by age 40 than those who had not.

This has of course raised interest, as one might assume that working full time while managing a family would be more stressful, and stress is a known factor in contributing to mental and physical challenges.

It would appear that this isn't necessarily accurate. Why would this be?

Personally, I'm not entirely surprised by the findings. I think Albert Einstein had stay-at-home moms in mind when he defined the word "insanity" as "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

Have you ever been at home with young children? Have you tried to get them to clean up their rooms, pee into the toilet or stop hitting their sister?

No matter how many times they are told (clearly it is not "nagging" when it is simply giving them excellent advice), the outcome is often the same.

Nothing changes. At least not immediately, and not without years of bribing and threats.

Add to that the fact that my research (I drove around a bit) shows that there isn't a big list moms can carpool to at the end of the day in order to check off: a) continued successfully raising child, b) ensured food was edible and in good portion size and c) minimum health standards were met.

Many moms at home just don't get to feel that sense of accomplishment that comes with actually moving something forward and affecting change. Not in the short term, at any rate, and one of the most distressing things a parent of young children can hear from parents of older children is that it "never gets easy."

There's no such thing as a performance review when you're on the home front: except for the ones you get from snarly teenage girls who aren't necessarily focusing on your positive attributes, as the ones in a professional work environment might. Unless, "You suck" is now a good thing in the way that "that's so sick" has become. (I do try.)

The reward system for moms at home also leaves something to be desired. In that there really isn't one, except for the playground high fives you exchange with a friend when your kid wasn't the one kicking someone else off the slide.

Compare this to the workplace, where most employees can expect to be treated with a modicum of respect, have performance reviews which don't include door slamming (to be fair, there aren't any doors in most cubicles), and best of all, they get to take on new responsibilities with the positive achievement of old ones.

Being relieved at duties you've perfected is something moms at home never get to experience. Until the kids are the ones to leave home, that is.

KATHY'S NEW BOOK I AM SO THE BOSS OF YOU: AN 8 STEP GUIDE TO GIVING YOUR FAMILY THE BUSINESS IS AVAILABLE AT BOOKSTORES EVERYWHERE. FOLLOW KATHY ON TWITTER @KATHYBUCKWORTH

Preventing unplanned pregnancy at any age

LINDA CLARKE
Metro World News in New York

There are around three million unplanned pregnancies every year in the U.S., and though it's an issue often associated with teenagers, a proportion of women this happens to are older, and some are married.

So, Dr. Hilda Hutcherson, a Columbia University Medical Center professor of clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, gives us a refresher course on our options for making sure a baby doesn't catch us by surprise.

Birth control pills

You can still take them well past your teen years, Hutcherson says. "It's a safe option for women of all ages. Initially, when it was first passed, it was recommended for women until age 30, then it was age 35, but now most women can safely use it right into their 40s until they reach menopause."

Condoms

"Condoms work great if people use them consistently and right from the beginning of intercourse. The female condom is wonderful. I thought it was going to be popular, but it's large and makes slurping noises during sex. The newer ones are less noisy, but it's not caught on."

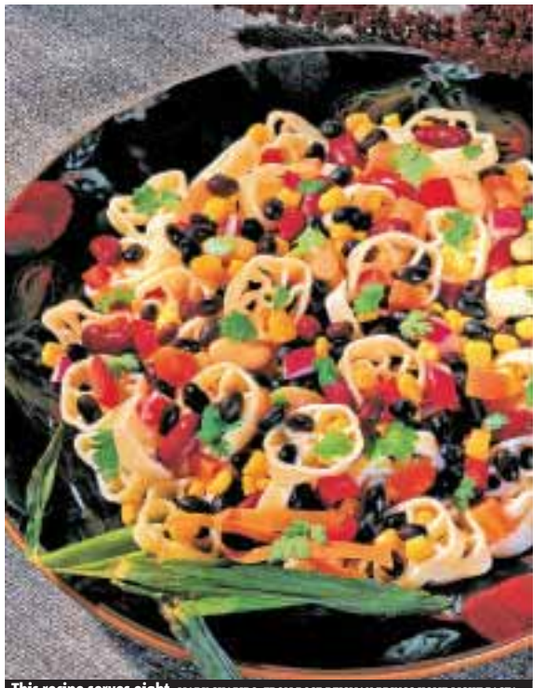
IUDs

They're convenient and have undergone major improvements, Hutcherson says. "Women stopped using IUDs because of infections, which caused infertility. But modern ones are smaller and improved. Even young women who haven't had children can use them."

The morning-after-pill

"This should only be used in emergencies and not relied on as a form of contraception," Hutcherson says.

A dish just for the nibblers



This recipe serves eight. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE)

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This Corn and Three Bean Salad is a great summer pasta salad loaded with fibre and protein from the beans.

1. Cook pasta in boiling water according to package instructions or until firm to the bite. Rinse with cold water. Drain and place in serving bow.

2. In small skillet sprayed with vegetable oil sauté corn for 5 minutes just until slightly charred. Add to serving bowl.

3. Add all three beans, red peppers, carrots and onions.

4. Make the dressing: In bowl combine lemon juice, oil, vinegar, garlic and cilantro. Pour over dressing and toss.

ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE) BY ROSE REISMAN

Nutritional analysis

Per serving: 277 calories, 10 g protein, 7 g total fat, 0.6 g saturated fat, 46 g carbohydrates, 293 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol, 7 g fibre

Ingredients

- 8 oz pasta wheels or small shell pasta
- 3/4 cup canned corn niblets, drained
- 1 cup canned black beans or chick peas, drained
- 3/4 cup each canned red and white kidney beans, drained
- 1 1/4 cups diced red peppers
- 3/4 cup diced carrots
- 1/2 cup diced red onions

Dressing

- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- 3 tbsp white balsamic vinegar
- 2 tsp crushed garlic
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro

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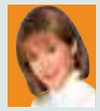

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After you finish your seafood feast, it's only natural to check out the dessert menu. Steer clear of overindulging though.

Red Lobster warm chocolate lava cookie

1,070 calories / 51 g fat
Indulge once too often in this cookie with a molten chocolate centre, topped with vanilla ice cream and drizzled with chocolate sauce, and you'll pack on the pounds.

Equivalent

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Kicking it off once the cap comes off

The parties, the pictures, and now, a profession? How to get your game face on after graduation

For post-secondary graduates receiving degrees and diplomas in the weeks ahead, excitement over completing their programs may be tempered by the grim job landscape for Canada's young people.

The latest labour force survey from Statistics Canada revealed a decline of 19,000 jobs for youth aged 15 to 24 in April. The youth unemployment rate was at 14.5 per cent last month, little changed compared to a year earlier and more than double the national average. "When you see numbers like that, it can often give you the impression there really aren't many jobs available in your area," said Shirin Khamisa, a Toronto-based career counsellor and founder of Careers by Design.

"Be very realistic and realize there is a general climate where there are less jobs, but that doesn't mean you won't be able to secure a job that's right for you."

Khamisa and other experts share three ways for job-seeking grads to distinguish themselves in a competitive job market and work toward kick-starting their careers.

Build a network

Do you have any professional contacts in your area of study or field of expertise? If not, there's no time like the present to start making connections. Attending industry events, joining a professional umbrella organization or engaging with individuals working in the field to ask about key needs in their area — and how you can fill them — could help build your network, said Khamisa.

"That's the really powerful thing in a job search when it's a tighter market — to get that face time with people who are in the field you'd like to work in."

Another good way to obtain information and build a network is through informal interviews, said Bruno Castilloux, manager of career services at the University of Ottawa.

Graduating can be exciting ... and a little nerve-racking. Looking for job leads? Try networking with industry professionals. ISTOCK

He suggested researching the company of interest to craft precise questions before calling to speak briefly with a representative to learn more.

Keep connected

While many people will be keen to "jump right into job-search mode," Khamisa said that's not the best way to start a relationship with a potential contact. Khamisa said the job search should be a time of exploration. It's often easier when individuals are initially seeking out information and learning about a particular industry and the needs of an organization before hunting for a specific position, she noted. "Reaching out and connecting takes courage ... and I guarantee you there will be times where people don't get back to you or are just too busy or aren't receptive," she said.

"But the magic happens when you persevere and you keep going. And eventually, you will connect with a group of people who will help you and support you as you move forward." Khamisa added she once had a client who developed 10 contacts through cold calling. She continued to keep in touch over several months and ended up getting three different job offers. Placing a phone call isn't just limited to maintaining professional contacts.

When individuals reach the stage where they're submitting applications, a followup call is another way to show initiative, said Danielle Bragge, a partner with The Headhunters, a Canadian recruitment firm. It doesn't have to be aggressive. The process can be as simple as an introduction, mentioning your interest in the opportunity you've applied for and highlighting three quick reasons you'd make a great addition to the team, Bragge said.

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Don't give up!

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Career counsellor

Go digital

- **Many organizations use social networking sites like LinkedIn for recruitment purposes, but Khamisa said establishing an online profile can offer added benefits.**
- Beyond fostering connections, job seekers can be exposed to professional groups who convene online, she noted.
- In many fields, social media and other tech-related skills are becoming increasingly necessary for doing an effective job and working efficiently, Khamisa said.
- She recommended observing how others in the field are making use of digital tools as a key first step. Bragge said those with an existing online presence — such as a Facebook page — should ensure that they "clean up" their social media profiles because prospective bosses could be watching.

Got a copy of Lean In for your learner?

A gift for your girl. Sandberg's controversial book apparently a popular graduation present, back at top of bestseller list

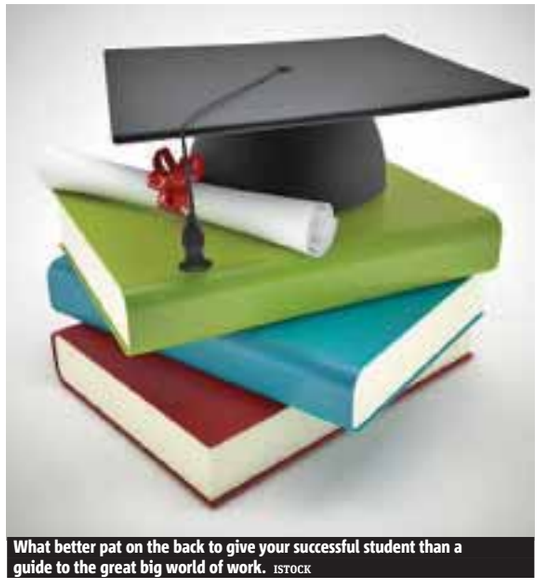
Caps and gowns are obviously in fashion at the moment, and so, apparently, are copies of Lean In as a graduation gift.

Sheryl Sandberg's manifesto for women in the workplace will again top The New York Times' nonfiction bestseller list in the paper's June 16 edition. Lean In had last been No. 1 on the combined print and e-book list May 5.

Paul Bogaards, executive director of publicity for Alfred A. Knopf, said Thursday that sales have been especially strong lately because the book is a popular graduation gift.

He said Lean In is now in its 15th printing and has sold 600,000 copies just three months after publication.

Sandberg, Facebook's chief operating officer, has been encouraging a national conversation on how women can advance in their careers.



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Well-oiled machines to clash in Stanley Cup final

NHL playoffs. Bruins and Blackhawks made short work of their opponents in conference finals

Two franchises, rich in history, talent and star power. Two winning teams that know what it takes to bring home the Stanley Cup. Intrigue, in the form of a schedule that kept them away from each other for an entire season.

Oh, there's plenty to love about this series.

The Stanley Cup final kicks off Wednesday night when the Chicago Blackhawks host the Boston Bruins in the first finals matchup of Original Six franchises since Montreal beat the New York Rangers in five games way back in 1979.

The mighty Blackhawks, winners of seven of their last eight games, have a deep roster that really found its identity when pushed to the limit by the Detroit Red Wings in the second round. Then there are the playoff-tested Bruins, who rolled over favoured Pittsburgh during an impressive sweep that gave them a chance for a second NHL title in three seasons.

Unfamiliar foes

Due to the lockout, there were no interconference games this regular season.

- The Bruins and Blackhawks haven't played each other since Oct. 15, 2011, when Boston won 3-2 in a shootout in Chicago.

It's gift-wrapped in a bow for a league still trying to recover from a bitter lockout that wiped out 510 games and pushed the start of the season back to Jan. 19.

"It's a special couple places, the tradition of the Bruins and the Hawks is special," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said. "I'm sure, you know, the rivalry could return instantly come Game 1. I think it's good for the league. It's good for hockey. Two great hockey markets. We're very excited to be a part of it."

Chicago advanced with a 4-3 double-overtime victory over Los Angeles on Saturday night, using a hat trick from Patrick Kane to eliminate the defending champion Kings in five games in the Western Conference final. Back in the Stanley Cup series for the first time since 2010, the Blackhawks are in search of another title to pair with their six-game victory over the Philadelphia Flyers three years ago.

The Blackhawks' Patrick Kane celebrates his game-winning goal with Andrew Shaw during Game 5 of the Western Conference final against the Kings on Saturday in Chicago. With the victory, the Blackhawks clinched the conference title. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Everyone has that drive to win the cup," Chicago forward Andrew Shaw said. "It's going to be a long road ahead here. It's surreal. I've wanted this since I was a kid. I'm excited to get started."

Boston is rolling again after losing its spot atop the Northeast Division in the final days of the regular season. The Bruins have won five in a row and nine of 10, boosted by a familiar group of stars who led the way when they won it all in 2011. David Krejci scored four times in the Pittsburgh sweep and leads Boston with nine goals and 12 assists in the playoffs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rafa rolls to his 8th French Open title

Rafael Nadal GETTY IMAGES

If Rafael Nadal truly was going to be challenged, if his bid for an unprecedented eighth French Open championship would be slowed even a bit, this might have been the moment.

Leading by a set and a break 70 minutes into Sunday's final against David Ferrer, another generally indefatigable Spaniard, Nadal faced four break points in one game. The last was a 31-stroke exchange, the match's longest, capped when Nadal absorbed Ferrer's strong backhand approach and transformed it into a cross-court backhand passing shot.

Ferrer glared at the ball as it flew past and landed in a corner, then smiled ruefully. What else was there to do? Dealing with Nadal's defence-to-offence on red clay is a thankless task. His rain-soaked 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Ferrer was Nadal's record 59th win in 60 matches at the French Open and made him the only man with eight titles at any Grand Slam tournament.

"I never like to compare years, but it's true that this year means something very special for me," Nadal said, alluding to the way he managed to come back from a left-knee injury that sidelined him for about seven months.

"When you have a period of time like I had," he added, "you realize that you don't know if you will have the chance to be back here with this trophy another time." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Golf

English holds off big boys at St. Jude

Harris English won the St. Jude Classic on Sunday in Memphis, Tenn., for his first PGA Tour title, birdieing two of the final three holes to hold off Phil Mickelson and Scott Stallings by two strokes.

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Basketball

Wiggins puts Team Canada on hold

Canadian phenom Andrew Wiggins won't be playing for the junior men's national team this summer. Wiggins, the frontrunner to go No. 1 overall in 2014's NBA draft, has decided to focus on his freshman season at the University of Kansas. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Andrew Wiggins TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MLB

Rangers rally for win in Toronto

Adrian Beltre hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning and David Murphy added a solo shot in the eighth as the Texas Rangers beat the Blue Jays 6-4 on Sunday. After spotting the Jays an early four-run lead, Texas scored the next six. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NASCAR

"Jimmie was in a league of his own."

Greg Biffle, who placed second behind Jimmie Johnson at Pocono Raceway on Sunday in Long Pond, Pa. The Sprint Cup points leader Johnson, who pulled away on the last two restarts over the final 10 laps, absolutely dominated Sunday for his third victory of the season.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Try to realize that not everyone thinks or feels the same way as you. A clash of viewpoints is likely today but it will only be a problem if you insist that you are right and others are wrong.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may prefer to stick with what you know and trust today rather than take a risk on something new. That's up to you, of course, but it's also a shame because a little bit of courage could change your life completely.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Keep telling yourself that the changes now taking place are not nearly as bad as some people claim. As a matter of fact they could actually be beneficial, for you anyway, so make sure you have a positive attitude.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You are not as conformist as some people think and what you do over the next few days will prove that fact several times over. Expect a bit of a backlash though.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Try not to give too much away today, especially on the work front where knowledge is most definitely power. The less others know about what you are up to the more likely it is your efforts will be a success.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
For some reason you are a bit more aggressive than usual, which could lead to confrontations at home and at work.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It's time to get serious about your long-term aims and that means, inevitably, getting rid of certain short-term aims that eat up your time and your energy.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The planets will smooth your path as the new week begins and you will find it quite easy to get your way both in the professional sphere and in your private affairs.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Try not to let little things annoy you today because if your temper gets the better of you there is no telling where it might lead. Whatever other people might say or do treat it all as a big joke.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If a commitment of some sort is not working out then maybe you should cut your losses and get out. It won't be easy but let common sense (and the contents of your wallet) guide you.

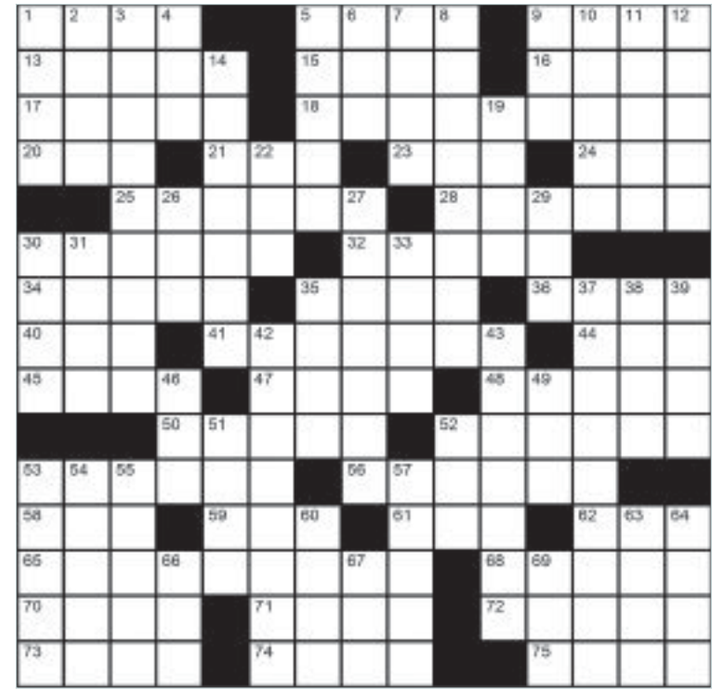
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Some things can be put off indefinitely because they are not really important but you have been putting off something that MUST be forced through to a conclusion. Make this the week when you finally crack it.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Yes, all things are possible but don't get silly and change things for the sake of it today — chances are you will just have to change them back again later. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

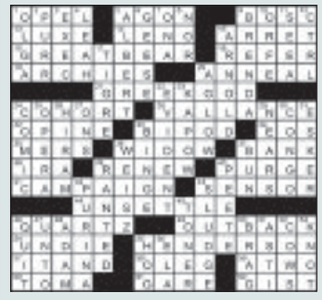
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Uses the grill
5. __ carpet
9. Cheese variety
13. Trumpeter Mr. Armstrong
15. River of Spain
16. San __, Italy
17. "Witness" (1985) folk
18. Statue atop Manitoba's Legislative Building: 2 wds.
20. Cable channel, _ _ _ Canada
21. Jann Arden's "Could ___ Your Girl"
23. Liq. measures
24. Street: French
25. Northern Ontario city near the Manitoba border
28. Bestow
30. Liveliness
32. MTM part
34. Condescend
35. And others, commonly: 2 wds.
36. Mr. Knievel
40. Health supplements store
41. Become popular on YouTube: 2 wds.
44. Ms. Aariak, Premier of Nunavut
45. Gabs
47. Jerome of musicals
48. Robin Hood's need
50. Air Canada craft
52. Armed outlaws
53. King Arthur's nephew Knight
56. "The View" co-host Ms. Shepherd
58. Flurry
59. Ooh and __
61. Tavern order
62. Baseball's Mr. Dykstra
65. Motorcycle association: 2 wds.
68. Arcade Fire's "Neighborhood #2 (__)"
70. Sacred Buddhist peak
71. Opera song
72. Tend the fire
73. Mike __, Loverboy lead singer
74. Close
75. John Lennon's in-laws, The __

Down
1. Spill the beans
2. Tank in the ratings
3. Lotto Max option at purchase: 2 wds.
4. "__-boom-bah!"
5. American rocker Bob
6. "True Blood" network
7. Son of folk legend Woody
8. King Kong's monster foe
9. Sea eagle
10. Ms. Messing
11. Stevie Wonder's "My Cherie __"
12. "Invisible" by Brit singer Alison __
14. Glimmering
19. Carlisle Cullen's wife in 'Twilight' movies
22. Droid
26. Work unit
27. Outfits
29. Grand-__ (Acadian setting of Longfellow's Evangeline)
30. Uptight
31. Movie director, Dominic __
33. Tale
35. Fifty-fifty
37. Vivid red; or, town in central Alberta
38. Ancient celebrator's "Whoopee!"
39. __ bowling
42. Fruit/wine producing area of British Columbia, __ Valley
43. Honours
46. Ritzy resort
49. Time off, slang-style
51. Deceiver
52. Salon product
53. Hollywood legend Zsa Zsa
54. Not worth _ __ (Of no value)
55. Stirred from sleep
57. __ the Horrible
60. Animal of Aesop's
63. "Stay" by Rihanna feat. Mikky __
64. Scot's negatives
66. A-U separators (Vowels)
67. Winnipeg's Ms. Vardalos
69. From _ __ Z

Friday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Friday's Sudoku

	4		9			3		
9			6					8
		6		3	5			9
		1		4	7			5
2			1	6		7		
8			5	9		4		
3					2			1
		2			4		7	

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